

## REMARKS

Claims 35-38 and 40-60 have been provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-17 of co-pending Application Serial No. 11/430,542. Applicant will file the necessary disclaimer once the claims of Serial No. 11/430,542 are allowed.

Claims 35-38, 40, 42-44, 46, 47, 50-55, 59 and 60 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Kawasaki et al.

Kawasaki relates to a compressive hemostatic belt designed to press on the area of the body where bleeding is to be stopped. Accordingly, it is not an ostomy device.

Kawasaki discloses adhesive plasters 14 and 15. It teaches, at column 9, lines 25-28 "... the strip 1 is wrapped around the patient's waist and the end is locked as by a fabric adhesive plaster 14, while a fabric adhesive plaster 15 is applied to a portion of the body and the strip 1 to prevent deviation." Figures 22a and 22b illustrate the structure of the Kawasaki adhesive plasters 14 and 15.

It is clear from the Figures 22a and 22b of Kawasaki that plasters 14 and 15 are not adapted to surround the wound and do not secure any part of the hemostatic belt to the body surrounding the wound.

All of the claims of the application have been amended to require adhesive means "adapted to surround the stoma..." for securing said recess defining means to the body "surrounding the stoma..." Accordingly, Kawasaki cannot be properly said to anticipate any of the claims presently in the application and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

A Request for Continued Examination and the required fee is presented to permit consideration of the amended claims.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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